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This invention relates to a rewritable optical information recording medium essentially comprising a substrate and a recording layer formed on said substrate, wherein the recording layer has the following composition:

$A_aB_bC_cIn_dM_e$

wherein A is gold or silver; B is Sb or Bi; C is Te or Se; M is an element selected from the group consisting of Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, Ta, Mg, W, Mo, B, C, N, P and Si; 0<a<13.0; 10<b<87.0; 8.0<c<50; 0<d<30.0; 0<e<8; and a+b+c+d+e=100 atom%. The recording layer is located between upper and lower dielectric layers and a reflective layer is located on said upper dielectric layer, wherein the reflective layer, which has a thickness of at least 1500Å, can reflect laser radiation signals to the recording layer.